

This story begins in January 2022. when I accidentally came upon the question "Chicken or egg - which came first", posed by Plutarch almost 2000 years ago, and decided to finally solve it. After I wrote my answer I compared it to the one published on the Wikipedia and found that Wikipedia is utterly wrong. They bypassed the rules of linguistics in their pathetic attempt to look smarter which is typical human weakness arising from the vanity.

Frame of reference

Let me start with a simple observation that every rational question obligatory contains "frame of reference" which must be respected in order to precisely answer the question in matter. For example, if one asks "what time is it" the correct answer is "now is ... hours and ... minutes". The wrong answer is "yesterday was cloudy". Why? Because we didn't respect the frame of reference which is: "now" and "time". Instead we used "yesterday" and "weather" when formulating our reply.

Wikipedia is doing exactly that: they do not respect the frame of reference.

What is the frame of reference contained in the question "Chicken or egg - which came first"? The frame of reference is: "chicken", "egg" and "first of the mentioned two". There is no "prahistoric egg", "protochicken" and "before chicken and egg". Likewise, the precise answer can not include the latter three.

Strictly between "chicken and egg" - chicken came first 100%. We can also pose this question in the following form: "parent or baby - which came first?". Common sense states that parents give birth to the(ir) children - not the other way around. Children, especially babies, do not have reproductive organs developed nor do eggs. Why do I emphasize "strictly"? Because, obviously, there are people who do not understand the basics of linguistics.

I have never seen that an egg (child) produced a chicken (parent).

If I ask what is the fastest car in the world someone could answer that the speed of the light is the fastest in the Universe, but if we talk about cars then... Well, we are talking about cars! I asked which car not which is generally the fastest thing.

Each question includes a reference framework both temporally and semantically. This framework is usually embedded in the syntax and is not mentioned for obvious reasons. When we ask "what time is it" we automatically think of two things "time" and "now". For the correct answer, it is necessary to remain within the respective question frame of reference. We do not think about anything else other than time. We do not mean any time but now. Someone can answer "the weather was nice yesterday" but that is not the right answer.

Please, stick to the syntax, chronologically and objectively, by obeying the frame of reference contained in the respective inquiry!

Moreover, the consequence can not precede its cause. Chicken lay eggs, parents give birth to the(ir) baby/ies. There is always a logical sequence which is explicitly temporally set.

CAUSE -> CONSEQUENCE

chicken -> egg

parent(s) -> baby

Semantics

Someone can argue that we didn't state "chicken egg" in our question but

only "egg"... Ok, when we say "I need a glass of water" for purely practical reasons we do not include the electromagnetic conductivity of the object and the chemical structure of the substance. We do not say "I need a transparent glass of H₂O". We simply say "a glass of water".

At the table, for example during Christmas breakfast, do you ask "does someone want chicken eggs" or just "eggs"? If you live in the countryside and have laying hens, do you say "I'm going to get some eggs" or you attach attribute "chicken"?

Expanding the frame of reference

Only, and only!, when we expand the frame of reference we can offer wider set of related answers such as...

prahistoric egg

protochicken

protoegg

Ovocleidin-17

Ovocleidin-17 (OC17) from "Gallus gallus" is one of the best candidates for the control and regulation of the calcium carbonate deposition in the calcified layer of the egg shell... OC17 is the main protein component of the egg shell matrix...

Source:

[https://www.jbc.org/article/S0021-9258\(20\)77183-8/fulltext](https://www.jbc.org/article/S0021-9258(20)77183-8/fulltext)

The conclusion

In this dilemma, as in many others, I see a Western urge to complicate and to artificially wise up by stepping out of the respective question frame of reference. As usual, a serious facial expression and lowered glasses are expected. Will you even wear your Sunday suit when answering the "egg or chicken" question? Or will you respond to it in accordance with the accepted rules of communication?

My answer is correct.

Wikipedia is wrong in this "chicken or egg" case!

Aftermath

I offered my (correct) answer to the Wikipedia. Instead of, at least, mentioning my effort as user`s comment, or personal opinion, which is my constitutional right according to the US Constitution First Amendment, they proclaimed me to be a vandal ("a person who deliberately destroys or damages property belonging to others") and threatened me with the "speedy" closure of my account.

"Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

Source:

<https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/>

You know what?

I do not give a f*** about my Wikipedia account. The only thing I care about is the Truth. You can close my account. You can even close my mouth. But you can not hold the Truth forever!

I do not claim to speak the Truth.

There is absolutely no need because...

The Truth speaks for Itself!

I intend to sue the Wikipedia for their unjustified insults. I am prepared to defend my answer in front of the court of justice and the scientific panel, gathered for this purpose, as well.

This article is also an introduction to my following text under title "Intelligence and A.I. - definitions and comparison".

I already know one similarity between "I" and "A.I.". It is stupidity.